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## **Natural Environments Leadership Team Meeting June 29, 2006**

**Participants:** Kevin Bernadt, KCDDD Board  
Jon Botten, Children's Therapy Center  
Jane Campbell, King County DDD  
Jane Dobrovolny, Northwest Center  
Sandy Duncan, CHAP  
Lisa Greenwald, Kinderling Center  
Betsy McAlister, King County Parent Coalition  
Jana Pettit, Wonderland  
Susan Sandall, UW-EEU  
Magan Cromar, Encompass  
Katie Vornbrock, Hearing Speech & Deafness  
Jan Wrathall, King County DDD

**Minutes:** Elaine Goddard, King County DDD

**Facilitator:** David Wertheimer, Kelly Point Partners

### **JUSTIFICATIONS DOCUMENT:**

The group reviewed the Justification document. It was agreed that the guidance piece needs to be worked. Clarification is needed related to when a family declines service as identified by the IFSP team based on location. The group would like it explained that family input is important, but that families are only one part of a team, and family choice alone is not sufficient justification. The team should negotiate to find an appropriate community based location for services.

The group agreed that specialized equipment may be used in a clinical location for assessment or for a child to "try out", but there should be a plan to use it in the community.

Jane and Jan will edit the justification document and when it is finalized will send it to the State to review.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING:**

Jan, Jane and David met recently to begin putting together a strategic plan to implement natural environments. They drafted an Action Planning Matrix which identifies the priority areas, and helps to set goals, action steps, who is responsible for each step, what outcome is expected and timelines. The list of priorities in the Action Planning Matrix correlates to the diagram (see below). The system must implement at all four levels to make the change work.

Jan and Jane did a presentation on how the Action Planning Matrix works and took input as to how it could be improved.

The group will finalize the first two columns of the matrix and then send it to Providers to complete the priorities for their areas. Agency directors would do priority area 3, and direct service staff would do priority area 2. It was agreed that the Leadership Team should provide the structure and allow agencies to develop their own action plans. The County needs to prescribe as little as possible.

Betsy will talk to people in the Parent Coalition to get their feedback on the family part. Agencies can also get family input and bring suggestions back.

The County will bring a revised version of the matrix to the next meeting and the group will decide how to proceed with this tool and discuss other strategies to help make systems change more effective. Additions or changes to the matrix should be sent to Jan and Jane.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next Leadership Team meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup> at WorkSource in Renton.

